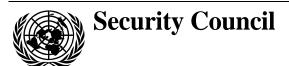
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## Official communiqué of the 5680th (closed) meeting of the Security Council

Held in private at Headquarters, New York, on Wednesday, 23 May 2007, at 10 a.m.

In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 5680th meeting, held in private on 23 May 2007, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Afghanistan'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Tom Koenigs, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan.

"Members of the Council heard a briefing by Mr. Koenigs.

"Mr. Koenigs and members of the Council had an exchange of views."

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